

August 22, 1951 2-21

SUBJECT: Proposed Defecting by two Guards from URFARER Komendatura

1. Reference is made to verbal information whereby two members of URFARER Komendatura Guards Detachment were expected to defect between August 17 and Aug 21, 1951.

2. Beginning with April 1951, BOSTOJEVSKAJA, a collaborator of my h group, assisted by ALBERT HANLERY, has commenced to form a group at URFARER based on connections by an old acquaintance of his, FRANCIS PLANTY of URFARER (an invalid from World War I), who has contacts both with Austrian police and electric train employees and Soviet soldiers at URFARER. Since PLANTY's police connection (the Austrian Police Inspector at the URFARER bridge-head) contact was taken up carefully with a number of Soviet Red Armlets, sounding these for their readiness to defect. All personnel involved under BOSTOJEVSKAJA believed that they are assisting a Russian nationalist group with Headquarters in the US, but definitely in no contact with US agencies in Europe - especially not with CIA.

3. At the end of July, respective Austrian Police Inspector reported that he had found two Red Armlets, who were ready to defect, and that possibly a third man from the same group would also participate. This possibility has been examined prior to their taking up guard duty at URFARER bridge.

Necessary detail and technical investigation was then commenced. The main difficulty rested with the fact that respective guards only briefly beforehand knew the guard details set up by the officer commanding border guards.

The Austrian Police Inspector in connection with friends employed as electric-train personnel on the URFARER-LISI electric train checked the times, when respective personnel would take trains from URFARER to LISI manned by respective friends.

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The guard routine of prospective defectors (two hours on guard, four hours rest, two hours on guard, twelve hours rest) had to be brought into accordance with the electric train schedule.

The first planned gave possibilities for the time between Friday, August 17, and Tuesday, August 21; the most favorable day being Monday, when respective prospective defectors came off duty at 20:00 hrs and electric train was due at 20:05 hrs. (Released guards have approximately a space of 15 minutes to disappear, after which time a search would be held). On Monday, August 20, respective electric train was 17 minutes delayed, for which reason prospective defectors returned to proper station (Komendatura) within time limit.

One defector will change into Austrian electric-train personnel uniform, and one defector will be hidden in sand box of respective train. Defector in uniform will leave electric train on LINN side of URFÄHR bridge; defector in sand box will be taken to terminus and be picked up there. First defector will be met by DOSTOJEVSKAJA at electric train station URFÄHR bridge (LINN side) and stepped into car driven by Father MICHARD. Respective automobile will then proceed to terminus and pick up second defector, and from there will immediately proceed to Jesuit College on Preinberg (32 Preinbergstrasse), where Jesuit Fathers MICHARD and CHIKALLA will supply cover and food.

Respective defectors will there be picked up with Father CHIKALLA after producing introduction letter by Father van CUTTER.

4. On August 21, the next possibility for defecting was discussed by DOSTOJEVSKAJA at LINN. According to guard schedule, the two prospective defectors will be on guard again on Friday, August 24, between 18:00 and 20:00 hrs., and on Sunday, August 26, between 20:00 and 22:00 hrs. I have suggested to choose Sunday for the next try, which was accepted, and will be informed during the night Sunday to Monday, 27.

5. The prospective defectors are:

Alexander ZAHAROVICH SHISHKIN, 38 years old, from KURSK district, starshii sergeant, war number 4072, and Valentin Antonovitch SHIVAROV (pronounced: SHIVAROV), 25 years old, from SVIATLOVSK district, soldier, war number 19162.

6. The necessary preparations for the second try
are under way.